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its light and indifferent quality, and the very considerable demand which may be expected. It is, perhaps, not clear that our foreign demand for wheat can be supplied in the Mediterranean, and, at any rate, our troops, and probably those of our Spanish allies, must be supplied from hence with potatoes, oats, and hay, whence a great rise must be expected on those articles. We have not heard as to the certainty of our reimbursement, at all events; but we well know that articles of the first necessity are likely to become dear enough to our poor at home.

The high price of wheat has drawn so much of that article to market, that little barley has hitherto been sent. in course the price of barley has been above the mark it is likely to preserve. The crop of oats in the fens has been large, but, like the wheat, the sample proves light. The fairs have been generally full of stock, yet the prices high. Government contracts keep up all prices.

Smithfield. Beef, 4s. to 5s. 6d. Mutton, 4s. to 6s. Veal, 5s. to 7s. House Lamb, 15s. to 20s. Pork, 5s. to 6s. 8d. Bacon, 6s. 8d. Irish do. 5s. 8d. Fat, 6s. 8d. Skins 25s. to 35s.

#### FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

The mild and open weather we have had during the greater part of the preceding month has been favourable to vegetation, and the winter green crops of wheat, tares, turnips, and rye look kind and flourishing.

On dry soils a large breadth of land has been prepared for peas and barley; and the operations usual at this season of the year of laying manure on the meadows, hedging and ditching, have been carried on to a great extent, and the spare hands are employed in the barns and threshing-mills, which last are now come into use on most large farms, and are almost universally found to answer, doing their work effectually. At the late fairs cows and calves sold well. In lean cattle and store sheep but little variation, sales being dull. Fresh horses and porking pigs are the only stock which now obtain good prices, being much in request.

#### PRICE OF GRAIN.

##### ENGLAND AND WALES.

##### SCOTLAND.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Wheat	91	7		79	5
Rye	56	2		51	2
Barley	45	3		38	4
Oats	33	2		29	7
Beans	65	11		60	8
Pease	67	9		62	3
Oatmeal	49	6		26	1
Bigg	—	—		32	10

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We beg leave to suggest to a respected Correspondent, that his argument relative to the commencement of the reign of Tiberius would appear with much greater force, could he produce any historical or chronological authority for its having been actually reckoned according to the computation he proposes.

The following pieces are left at Messrs. Longman's and Co.'s for return:

Prose.—*Antigrapheus*. P. Touchstone. Letter on a Passage in *Comus* (anticipated by a Note of Warburton's). *Metaphysical Elements*. B. J. C.

Verse.—J. H. W. J. C. Gwareni. Imitation from the Spanish.

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In the Dew-drop, p. 438, for "below the baleful breath" read *before*.

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